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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR JOURNEYS AHEAD!

NANCY MESSONNIER, MD
DEAN AND BRYSON DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Dean Nancy Messonnier

Dear Class of 2025,

Today, we celebrate you — the newest graduates of the Gillings School of Global Public Health! You are joining the ranks of public health professionals at a time when your knowledge, compassion and resilience are needed more than ever.

Public health has always been about rising to the challenge. No matter which discipline you chose, your studies demanded creativity, agility and a deep sense of purpose — and so will your work. As you step into the next chapter of your career and your life, know this: Whatever uncertainties you may face, you are exceptionally well-prepared for the role you will take on. At this School, you have learned not only how to navigate complex systems but how to challenge them, improve them and build new ones when needed.

The path ahead will not always be clear. You may find yourself pivoting more than you planned, stretching your capacity in order to meet the unexpected. But that is the nature of public health. The world needs public health leaders who can adapt, who can partner across sectors and borders, and who understand that the work we do — both in laboratories and in communities — has a measurable and profoundly positive impact on the trajectory of people's lives.

I hope you leave the Gillings School proud of what you have accomplished and excited for what lies ahead. You carry with you not just your degree, but a promise: You are ready to use your skills to protect and advance the health and well-being of others.

Congratulations on the beginning of your next adventure. As you take your place among more than 23,000 Gillings alumni, we who have been part of your journey cannot wait to see how you will shape the future of our field.

With admiration and warmest wishes,

Nancy Messonnier

THE DAVIE POPLAR STANDS TALL ON MCCORKLE PLACE.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

KATELYN JETELINA, PHD

YOUR LOCAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST FOUNDER AND CEO

Dr. Katelyn Jetelina

Your Local Epidemiologist — or YLE for short — is a free newsletter that delivers "translated" evidence-based public health science twice a week to 310,000 inboxes. From the dangers of wildfires smoke to federal health policy, Dr. Katelyn Jetelina and her team cover complex public health issues, disprove rumors and translate ever-evolving science into straightforward insights that help readers make informed choices about their health.

At the Gillings School's 2025 Commencement celebration, she will share insights drawn from nearly five years of creating public health communications that have reached more than 500 million readers in 132 countries.

"YLE was born in March 2020 when I was teaching at the University of Texas Health Science Center," Jetelina says. "People were desperate for information about this novel coronavirus, and my dean asked me to send a daily update to our school. Soon enough, students started asking me to post online instead of in an internal email so they could share the message on social media."

"I never got one hour of formal education on science communication, but I loved working with students and translating public health information for them," she adds. "I think that passion is why I was asked to start the newsletter, and why it's become the trusted resource it is today."

Jetelina holds a master's degree in public health and a doctoral degree in epidemiology and biostatistics. She currently works as an epidemiologist, data scientist and consultant to well-known public health organizations in addition to managing YLE with a team of fifteen other experts and administrators.

She initially thought the public-facing newsletter would primarily reach "Joe on the corner," or maybe moms considering which vaccinations to give their young children. And it does, but it turns out the audience is mostly made up of doctoral and medical degree holders whose employment runs the gamut.

"What I've learned," she says, "is that our readers tend to be leaders within their local communities: doctors, businesspeople, professors, members of public health departments and so on. They take our content and share it in turn with their patients, colleagues and students. In that way, the information eventually *does* reach Joe on the corner. At YLE, our goal is to equip as many trusted messengers as possible with factual, timely and understandable health information."

Jetelina is no stranger to the perils of being vocal online in a world rife with mis- and disinformation. Over the years, she has been subject to everything from death threats to doxing to a "thousand papercuts from colleagues."

"Succeeding in this forum comes down to courage," says the mother of two. "You have to be willing to put your neck out there and think innovatively in the name of spreading helpful, evidence-based content. You have to deeply believe in the values of public health and live up to them, which requires listening and community engagement — even when, or especially when, someone disagrees. Public health is, above all, a team sport. I've had incredible success, but I can't do any of this alone."

YLE recently surpassed 300,000 subscribers — a number that floors Jetelina. She once planned to be a clinician, then pivoted to public health when she realized the field treats patients millions at a time instead of individually. After earning her doctoral degree, she worked for the World Health Organization in Geneva, then the townships in South Africa, before landing a tenure-track faculty position and starting a research lab at UT.

"My career has been a squiggly line," she laughs. "I was going for tenure when COVID hit. Next thing I knew, I had started YLE and Dr. Rochelle Walensky of the CDC was calling my cell phone and asking me to support her organization in science translation."

"It was an incredibly hard decision to leave teaching and research behind, but my goal has always been to make the largest possible positive impact," Jetelina says. "In academia, practice isn't always appreciated, but I can see the numbers. When one of my peer-reviewed articles gets seven views and one issue of my newsletter gets a million views, the value of Your Local Epidemiologist is crystal clear."

You can subscribe to YLE at *yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com* and follow their Instagram posts using *@your_local_epidemiologist*.

THE COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Please stand for the processional of the platform party,
faculty members and candidates for degrees.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION	The Platform Party Members of the Faculty Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees Candidates for Master's Degrees Candidates for Doctoral Degrees
PRESIDING	Nancy Messonnier Dean, Gillings School of Global Public Health
WELCOME	Nancy Messonnier
RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS	Jenny Carpenter Co-President, Student Government Association
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Pilar Sharp Co-President, Minority Student Caucus
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Katelyn Jetelina Your Local Epidemiologist Founder and CEO
PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES	LeVelton Thomas Alumni Association Advisory Board Chair Naya Villarreal Office of Global Health William Vizuete Environmental Sciences and Engineering
CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND CELEBRATORY REMARKS	Nancy Messonnier
ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL	Please remain in place for the recessional of the platform party, faculty members and our newest alumni.

THE PLATFORM PARTY

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Public Health Leadership and Practice

HONOREES

Harriet Hylton Barr Distinguished Alumni Award

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(Health Policy and Management)
Founder and Principal, Health Preparedness Partners

Bernard G. Greenberg Alumni Endowment Award for Teaching, Research and Service

Kristen Hassmiller Lich, PhD
Associate Professor,
Health Policy and Management

John E. Larsh Jr. Award for Mentorship

Jianwen Cai, PhD
Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor, Biostatistics

Edward G. McGavran Award for Excellence in Teaching

Melanie Studer, PhD
Assistant Professor,
Health Policy and Management

2025 TEACHING AWARDS

TEACHING INNOVATION AWARD

Lina Montoya, PhD
Biostatistics

Greg Characklis, PhD
Environmental Sciences and Engineering

Jessie Buckley, PhD
Epidemiology

Larissa Jennings Mayo-Wilson, PhD
Health Behavior

Franklin Farmer, DBA, MBA
Health Policy and Management

Angela Parcesepe, PhD
Maternal and Child Health

Molly De Marco, PhD
Nutrition

W. Oscar Fleming, DrPH
Public Health Leadership and Practice

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

Kevin Yu
Master of Public Health Student, Nutrition

Summer Peterson
Doctoral Student, Health Behavior

Yating Zou
Doctoral Student, Biostatistics

NOTES ON ACADEMIC DRESS

The following information, condensed from *An Academic Costume Code and Ceremony Guide,* published by the American Council on Education, identifies academic attire worn during today's ceremony.

The bachelor's gown, designed to be worn closed, has pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, that hangs nearly to the ground; the back part of its oblong shape is cut square, and the arc in the front is cut away. Bachelors' and masters' gowns are untrimmed.

The doctor's gown may be worn open or closed, and has bell-shaped sleeves. Doctors' gowns are usually faced with black velvet, with three bars across the sleeves, although the color of the velvet may vary according to the field of study. Some doctoral candidates may wear a unique Carolina blue gown that features dark blue facings and crossbars outlined in white piping and bearing the University's shield supported by torches of learning.

Hoods, which differ in length for the three degrees, are lined with official colors of the university or college that conferred the degree, usually with one color forming a chevron pattern over the other.

Hoods also are edged and bound with velvet in the color appropriate to the field of study. The colors in the hoods and gowns of faculty represent the following fields in which degrees were earned:

Apricot: Nursing
Brown: Fine Arts
Citron: Social Work
Crimson: Journalism
Dark Blue: Philosophy
Golden Yellow: Science
Green: Medicine
Lemon Yellow: Library Science
Light Blue: Education
Lilac: Dentistry
Olive Green: Pharmacy
Orange: Engineering
Peacock Blue: Public Administration
Pink: Music
Purple: Law
Sage Green: Physical Education
Salmon Pink: Public Health
Scarlet: Theology
Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy
White: Arts, Letters, Humanities

LEFT TO RIGHT ARE GILLINGS SCHOOL FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS DR. JOHN WIESMAN, DR. LAUREN HILL, DR. JUSTIN TROGDON, DR. LINDSEY HAYNES-MASLOW, JEFFREY SIMMS, DR. SUSAN HELM-MURTAGH, DR. MELANIE STUDER, DR. KAREN VOLMAR AND DR. ERIN KENT.

KEY

FOR UNDERGRADUATES ONLY

† Graduating Phi Beta Kappa
* Graduating with Distinction (overall GPA of at least 3.500)
** Graduating with Highest Distinction (overall GPA of at least 3.800)
\+ Graduating with Honors (Senior Thesis)
++ Graduating with Highest Honors (Senior Thesis)

FOR ALL STUDENTS

= Interprofessional Education and Practice (IPEP) at Gillings Scholar

AUGUST 2024 GRADUATES

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Hasan Tanveer Hamdani **
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Laith Anwar Rayyan
Jarvis Elijah Richardson
Sreya Devi Upputuri
Karina Vasudeva

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Eseohe Ononlunonsen Aikhuele
Kainat Aslam
Daisy Kenan Banta
Moriah Roycroft Barker
Jasmine Beal
Michael Forrest Behne
Cathleen Beliveau
Richard Benson
Beau Michael Blass
Kristina Bortfeld
Timothy Carl Brooks
Amy N. Bryant
Emily Morgan Burrell
MeaLenea Mary Campbell
Rachel Tessa Capao
Alexander Casimir
Melissa Adelaide Cox
Magal Ali Daou
Adam Desouky
Jhonatan Daniel Diaz
Allison Lynn D'Sylva
Tala Mostafa Farah
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Natalie Fine
Geanna Magdalena Gallegos
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Kristina Coral Gonzalez-Petty
Allyson Graves
Mallory Happ
Tori Hester
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Doreen Kaphalanya
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Miao Li
Hartlee Grace Johnston Lidsky
Samuel Ian Lidsky
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Fadi Thaare Manuel
Maebelle Susan Mathew
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Vallencia Christine McCoy
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Dwayvania Miller
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Roya Elizabeth Safi
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Nelson Bj Serrano Jr
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Smita Sharma
Mahima Sai Singeetham
Isaac Taylor Sluder
Jonathan Robert Smith
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Esmé Dunham Trahair
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Cheng-Shen Wu
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Chelsea Maria Ducille
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Brianna Taylor Golden
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Karina Morgan Heredia
Olivia Leigh Hoynes
Geonna Yanné Eunique Jordan
Kelyne Noel Kenmogne
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Kendalyn Rose Kufner
Adrielle Awura Adjoa Afriyie Kwapong
Rochelle MacNeil
Tarik Mamo
Lisa Dalrymple McKitt
Mary Krysten McLarty
Olivia Nicole McLean
Tyzie Rahkia Morning
Janki Sanjaykumar Patel
Phillip Peters
Kara Kristin Sabourin
Nana Kadidia Samake
Natalie Anne Schnell
Anshuni Shah
Rachel Audrey Siebert
Emma Spader
Keane Blade Squeri
Kenneth Carnell Sutton
Hannah Sokol Tuckman
Essence Teneia Turner
Lindsey Tushman
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Chenchen Liu

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Madison Claire Haley

GILLINGS STUDENTS (INCLUDING, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, EMMA BRYANT, LINELS HIGUERA ANCIDEY AND KEVIN YU) LAUGH TOGETHER IN ARMFIELD ATRIUM.

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Ginna Lee Doss
Chelsea Maria Ducille
Matthew Rashid Dunn
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Kelsey Rae Landrum
Catherine Grace McManus
Kendra Lynn Nelson
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Ji-Eun Park
Opal Patel
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Kadija Muse Tahlil
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Wenyi Xie
Yue Yang
Yifei Yang

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STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF MAKE MEMORIES IN THE ATRIUM — OUR SCHOOL'S MAIN GATHERING PLACE.

MAY 2025 GRADUATES

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William Evan Ayers *
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Sarah Elizabeth Ball **
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Razmin Bari **++
Emily Anne Barkley
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Dakota Jordan Batchek **++
Nathalie Deborah Blasco *
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Caroline Elliott Butler *
Vivian Capers Campbell *
Victoria Fay Carberry
Emile Leo Charles **+
Mansi V. Choudhari **++
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Eleanor Jane Hummel *++
Mang Iang
Jessica Ezinne Igollo-Ogele *++
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Girija Krishna Joshi **
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Simone Khandpekar *++
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Krystal Lynn Lu *++
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Zachary Evan Mangel **++
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Cheyenne Alisa Goldwire
David A. Gonzalez
Anna Frances Gorham
Emily Noel Ha
Jackson Winslow Holmes
Catherine Horger
Taffawee Dane Johnson
Deborah Sue Keen
Jadavian King
Olukunle Kolade
Morgan Elizabeth Lennon
Bryan Brinton Lester
Marcellina Susan Manzanet-Schmidt
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JaQuaious Miller
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Daima Mosiori
Tanner Joseph Nichols
Ekeoma Kalu Ogbaa
Toritsemogba Tosanbami Omaghomi
Meera Elizabeth Panikar
Mahima Reji
Sophie Christina Rojas
Myles Lee Rosenzweig
Karisma Silvanose
Lori Kumud Srivastava
Vignesh Sundaram
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Armani Anderson
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Eun Joo Bang
Lea Rachel Bangonan
Jenna Michelle Barbee
Emma Claire Barker
Sheree Patrice Bass
Nefer Norbetine Batsuli
Claire Alisanne Baudler
Karl Angelo Miguel Perea Bautista
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Kirsten Imani Blunder
Ryan Carlton Bostic
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Breanna Denise Bowman =
Tristen Bryce Boykin
Nolan Chase Brown
Kelly Q. Brozowski
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Jillian Cady
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Rebecca V. Dasema
Yung-Fang Deng
Kylie Francine Dickman
Sharmita Dixit =
Seyram Priscilla Dodor
Tessa Elizabeth Doersch
Aidan Donahue
Anne Donnelly
Elizabeth Marie Donovan
Livia Dawn Donovan
Lily Duboff
Isabelle Taylor Duguid
Carlisle Elizabeth Dunnam
Wynne Claudette Ebner
Zyna Uchenna Egbe
Jeremy Shlomo Egosi
Melissa Marie Mangaya Estrada
Mackenzie Nicole Farmer
Mary Katherine Feser
Cassandra Fillman
Hana Foster
Dakotah Lyn Fozzard
Tiffany Francis
Emily Star Fravel
Ariana Nadaja Yvonne Frazier
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ABOUT THE GILLINGS SCHOOL OF GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Ranked No. 1 *public* school of public health by *U.S. News & World Report* and No. 2 overall (ranked in 2025)

Founded in 1940 as the first public health school within a state university and the fourth school of public health in the U.S.

One of more than 200 schools and programs of public health in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Israel, Lebanon, Puerto Rico, Taiwan and Mexico accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health

UNC is one of only a few universities in the nation with all essential health science schools (public health, medicine, pharmacy, nursing and dentistry) on the same campus.

EIGHT ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS
Biostatistics
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Health Behavior
Health Policy and Management
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238 full-time faculty members (fall 2024)
2,143 students (fall 2024)
52% — residents of North Carolina
13% — international students

GRADUATES-TO-BE CELEBRATE AT THE SECOND ANNUAL GILLINGS GALA.

WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

Congratulations! You are now a graduate of the Gillings School of Global Public Health at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Graduation entitles you to a free lifetime membership in the School's Alumni Association.

Since 1974, the Association has grown into an invaluable network of over 23,000 alumni, living and working in all 100 N.C. counties, all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 100 countries around the world.

We hope you will take advantage of this vast alumni network of renowned public health leaders, whose expertise can be found in every aspect of public health research, teaching, practice and service. You can connect with these alumni and stay in touch with classmates by visiting our online community at *sph.unc.edu/online-directory,* or our LinkedIn group at *linkedin.com/school/uncpublichealth.*

The Gillings School's Alumni Association also offers many opportunities to stay involved in the life of the School, regardless of where you live or work. Visit *sph.unc.edu/alumni* to learn more about alumni events, mentoring and professional development activities, continuing education opportunities, and other benefits and services available for Gillings School alumni, including lifetime access to Gillings School Career Services.

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Again, we congratulate you on your achievements and wish you well. We look forward to staying connected with you!

LEFT TO RIGHT ARE DR. STEPHANIE BAKER, DR. LAURA LINNAN, PAM DIGGS AND DR. MONICA TAYLOR AT THE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL ENGAGE EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI.

THESE TASSELS WILL SOON BE HANGING FROM THE REARVIEW MIRRORS IN MANY GRADUATES' CARS!

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Look for photographs of this year's Commencement ceremony at
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Look for a video of this year's Commencement ceremony at
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THANK YOU!

THE ROSENAU HALL CUPOLA RISES INTO A CAROLINA BLUE SKY.

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RAMESES DROPS IN TO CELEBRATE WITH GILLINGS SCHOOL STAFF DURING THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY.

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